Members' Salaries

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, the recorded division on the proposed amendment stands deferred. The question is on motion No. 3 standing in the name of the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling). All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred. The question now is on motion No. 4.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Is it not necessary for Your Honour to put first the questions on the two amendments, the one moved by the hon. member for York-Scarborough (Mr. Stanbury) and the one moved by myself? Should not the question for the vote on motion No. 4 be called after we find out how the votes will go on the amendments?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): The main motion will be called and then the two amendments to the main motion in the order of presentation to the House.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, is there not a simple rule of procedure which says that if there is a motion and an amendment before the House, the amendment must be voted on first? I think you will find that not many in the House will argue about that. Surely the amendment must be voted on first. There are two amendments. I submit that the votes on those should be taken first.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): The first amendment to motion No. 4 is the amendment in the name of the hon. member for York-Scarborough (Mr. Stanbury). The question is on the amendment to motion No. 4, in the name of the hon. member for York-Scarborough. All those in favour of the said amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): All those opposed to the said amendment will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

[The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner).]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, the recorded division on the amendment to proposed motion No. 4 stands deferred.

The question is on the second amendment to motion No. 4, in the name of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. All those in favour of the amendment to the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Call in the members.

• (1710)

After the ringing of the bells:

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to the terms of Standing Order 75(11), the House has considered and disposed of motion No. 1, has deferred divisions on motions Nos. 2 and 3, and on two amendments to motion No. 4. I therefore propose to call the division on motion No. 2.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I believe the votes on motions Nos. 2 and 3 were deferred. Motion No. 4 had two amendments put to it and it was the votes on those amendments that were to be taken now. I make the point that those votes were called for before five o'clock. We are now in private members' hour, and I do not think it would be proper to take votes on motions 2 and 3 in the private members' hour.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Unless, of course, there is unanimous consent.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not want to use any more time than is necessary, but the rule leaves it open to either interpretation. I might refer to the rule specifically. Standing Order 75(11) provides:

When a recorded division has been demanded on any amendment proposed during the report stage of a bill, Mr. Speaker may defer the calling in of the members for the purpose of recording the "yeas" and "nays" until any or all subsequent amendments proposed to that bill have been considered. A recorded division or divisions may be so deferred from sitting to sitting.

So it is obvious that we can proceed with this division, having deferred discussion on some or all of the amendments. Simply for the purpose of neatness, it seems to me that at this point, since we have called in the members, we should now dispose of everything that is outstanding.